

Welcome to **41HOURS** 2026



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Welcome

We are so glad you are here at 41 Hours. Our heart is that you use this time to connect with our Lord and Savior. We have been praying for this event for months and we truly believe in faith that God will move throughout this event.

We can't wait to hear the God moments and sightings from this time together. We truly hope you feel rested, refreshed, and inspired to continue after the Mission together.

Most questions you may have about the event, schedule, locations, and more can be answered in this digital program or in the Whova App.

If you haven't downloaded the Whova App yet, make sure to do that to get announcement details, session information, breakout session locations, and more!

Links for the Whova App through the Google Play Store and the Apple App Store are available below along with their corresponding QR Codes.

Images and links in this digital program are tappable and clickable to find information quickly and easily!

Should a link not work make sure you are reading this as a PDF or through the link provided on our website theglrl.org/41-hours

We can't wait to connect with you face to face and hear how these sessions resonate with your spirit.

We are so blessed to serve with you to expand God's Kingdom.

With warmth + blessings through Him,

The GLR Team

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CHECK OUT SCHEDULES,
RESOURCES, & CONNECT WITH
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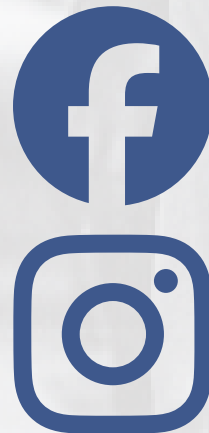


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**SHARE PHOTOS
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A SHARED ALBUM
HERE USING THIS
QR CODE!**



MEET THE SPEAKERS



**MEGAN FATE
MARSHMAN - ERICKSON**

Megan Fate Marshman Erickson is a dynamic communicator who brings biblical truth to life with authenticity, humor, and practical insight for everyday ministry.



STEVE CUSS

Steve Cuss helps leaders navigate anxiety, pressure, and leadership challenges with wisdom, clarity, and spiritual health.



CHRIS CONRAD

Chris Conrad, Regional Superintendent of the Great lakes Region of The Wesleyan Church, will encourage leaders through messages focused on faithfulness, renewal, and Kingdom impact.

PARTNERS



THE DETAILS

ADDRESS

Amway Grand Plaza
187 Monroe Ave NW,
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

MAIN 4 SESSIONS LOCATION

The ***Ambassador Ballroom*** is located on the second floor of the Amway.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

This will vary depending on which breakout session you choose to attend. Please see the map on page 16 for more details.



NAVIGATION AIDS

We have included Google Maps, Apple Maps, and MapQuest links to aid in navigating to the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel.

GOOGLE
MAPS



APPLE
MAPS



MAP
QUEST



PLANNING RESOURCES

PARKING

For Hotel guests:

Self-parking at the Pearl Street parking structure is included in the amount you already paid to register. See the navigation links below.

For Day Pass Holders:

There are a variety of parking options available near the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel. Please see those options below!



ONLY FOR HOTEL GUESTS NAVIGATION TO SELF- PARK ON PEARL STREET

218 Pearl St NW, Grand
Rapids, MI 49503

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MAPS



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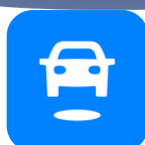


PARKING OPTIONS FOR DAY PASS HOLDERS

The closest parking options are the [Amway Hotel Parking Garage](#) and the [DeVos Place Parking Ramp](#).

We highly recommend utilizing [SpotHero](#) to check for parking proximity and pricing options that best fit your needs.

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SPOT HERO



PLANNING RESOURCES CONT.

FOOD

Please note that meals during this event are on your own. We have provided a list of restaurants and locations that are available in the Grand Rapids Area for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. [LINK](#)



BREAKFAST FAVORITES

Check them out [HERE](#).

LUNCH FAVORITES

Check them out [HERE](#).

DINNER FAVORITES

Check them out [HERE](#).

**[OPEN SUNDAY + MONDAY
FOOD LOCATIONS](#)**

WIFI INFORMATION

Network: THE GLR WIRELESS

Password: GLR12345

*This is only available in the Ambassador Ballroom

Network: Amway Guest

Password: amwaygrand187

DAY BY DAY SCHEDULE

Detailed schedule available on the pages to follow.

SUNDAY SEPT 27TH DAY 01.

Kick off 41 Hours by checking in during registration from 4:00-7:30 PM before joining us for an evening of worship, communion, encouragement, and teaching beginning at 7:00 PM. We encourage you to eat before arriving, as meals are on your own throughout the event. The evening concludes around 8:30 PM, with opportunities to connect afterward.



MONDAY SEPT 28TH DAY 02.

Monday begins with coffee service at 8:00 AM and morning sessions starting at 9:00 AM. You'll experience worship, lab conversations, and breakout sessions before being dismissed for an extended afternoon break. Use this free time to enjoy lunch, connect with fellow leaders, rest, or explore the area before returning for the evening session at 6:00 PM. The day wraps up with a dessert reception from 8:00-10:00 PM.

TUESDAY SEPT 29TH DAY 03.

Our final day starts with coffee service at 8:00 AM and sessions beginning at 9:00 AM. The morning includes worship, teaching, and time to visit vendors and the photo booth during the scheduled break. We'll conclude our time together at 12:00 PM, allowing you to enjoy lunch on your own before traveling home. We pray you'll leave encouraged, refreshed, and equipped for the ministry ahead.

MAP LOWER LEVEL

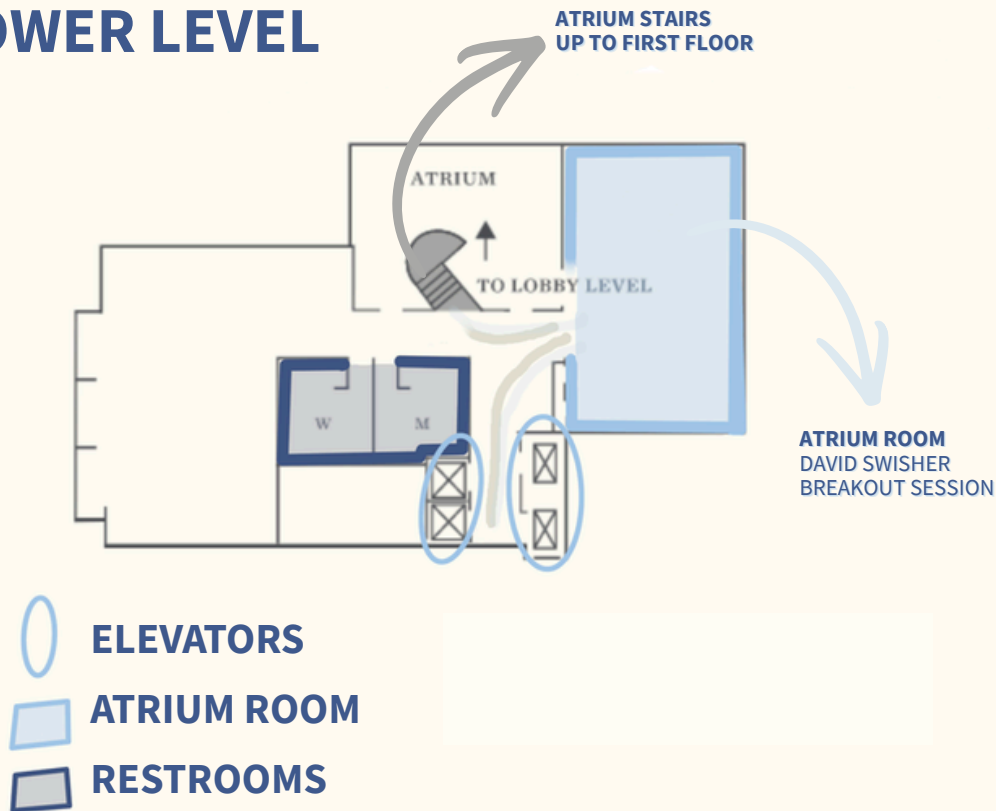
FIND YOUR WAY AROUND

Located on the lower level of the Amway is the area named the Atrium. David Swisher will be holding his breakout session in the Atrium room.

Please note the elevators and stairs to access this room! We have also highlighted the restrooms on each level.



LOWER LEVEL



MAP FIRST FLOOR

FIND YOUR WAY AROUND

Hotel check-in is located here. There are several staircases and elevators that go up to the second floor. We have highlighted routes from the front desk to these areas to head up to the Ambassador Ballroom. We have also highlighted the restrooms.



FIRST FLOOR



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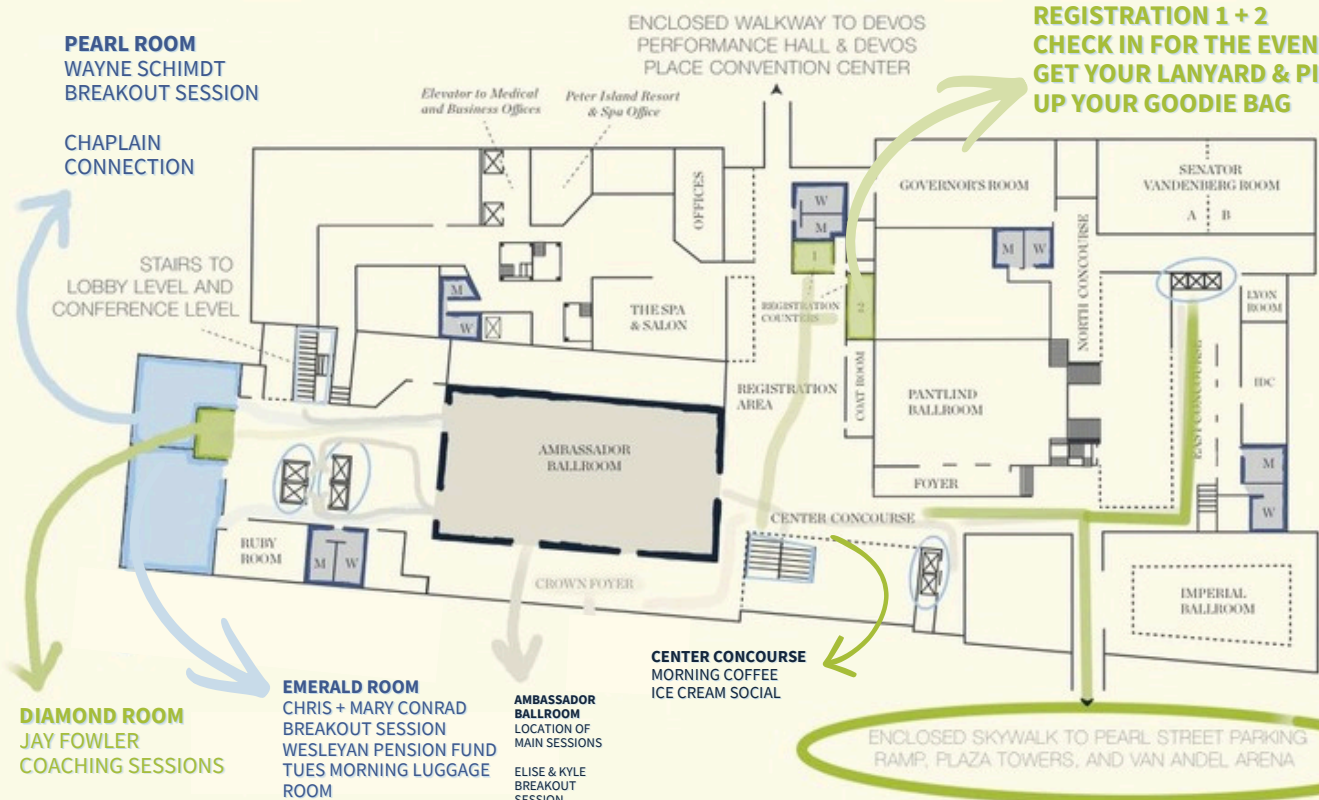
MAP SECOND FLOOR

FIND YOUR WAY AROUND

The Ambassador Ballroom, Crown Foyer, Pearl Room, Diamond Room, Emerald Room, Center Concourse, and Registration 1 & 2. Be sure to check in at either Registration 1 or 2! We have labeled where everything is located below!



**REGISTRATION 1 + 2
CHECK IN FOR THE EVENT
GET YOUR LANYARD & PICK
UP YOUR GOODIE BAG**



MAP THIRD FLOOR

FIND YOUR WAY AROUND

The Grand View Room on this floor will host the breakout session with Steve McVey.

Everything is highlighted below to help you navigate to this session!



THIRD FLOOR

GRAND VIEW ROOM

BREAKOUT SESSION WITH STEVE MCVEY



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CONNECTION MOMENTS

FELLOWSHIP

There are several moments for connection at 41 Hours. Chat with folks from different states at the ice cream social and connect with folks among some activities we have in store! Check out some fun activities to do in Grand Rapids [HERE](#).

[EXPLORE GRAND RAPIDS](#)



ICE CREAM SOCIAL MONDAY EVENING

Spark a connection with folks across the region, from Mukwonago, Wisconsin, to Peru, Illinois, everywhere in between, and beyond! All over a bowl of hot fudge-covered ice cream.

Nut-free options available!

ACTIVITIES IN GRAND RAPIDS

Check out ArtPrize [HERE](#).

Reserve pickleball [HERE](#).

BREAK 12:30 PM - 6:00 PM MONDAY AFTERNOON

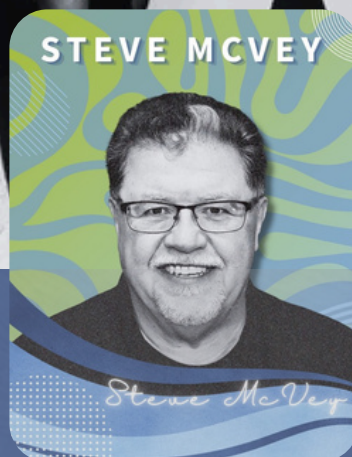
Go out to lunch or dinner with friends you haven't seen in a while and meet some new ones you never knew you needed. Support and connection in ministry are so important, and we want you to have time to foster these connections across the region that don't occur that often!

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

MONDAY FOLLOWING SESSION 2 11:15 AM - 12:00 PM

We have several breakout sessions that are available for you to attend! These are all happening at the same time just in separate rooms. These will all be after session two

Take a look at the map to find the room assigned to the breakout session you are curious about!



MAKING A BIG IMPACT IN A SMALLER CHURCH WITH STEVE MCVEY

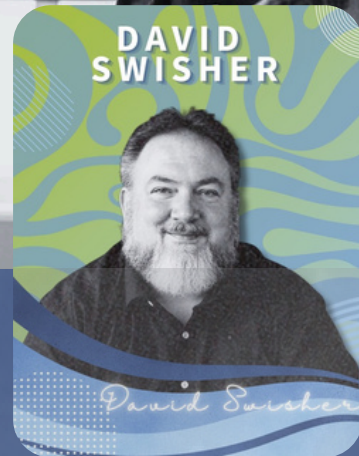
LOCATED IN THE GRAND VIEW ROOM, THIRD FLOOR

Size doesn't determine impact. Being on mission does. In this seminar, Steve McVey, founder and Executive Director of Dirt Roads Network and a pastor of 26 years in rural Kansas, draws on real stories of small churches that made a big impact to show what sets them apart. These congregations think like missionaries in their own backyard, rally around a shared vision instead of pulling in different directions, take time to genuinely discern what God is calling them to do rather than defaulting to what's always been done, and are willing to make the hard calls that growth and faithfulness sometimes require. Whether you lead a congregation of twenty or two hundred, you'll walk away with practical, field-tested ways to help your congregation make a lasting difference in your community.

About Steve

Steve McVey is the founder and Executive Director of Dirt Roads Network. He is driven by a deep passion for rural and small-town ministry. Since its launch in 2019, the network has been dedicated to planting and revitalizing life-giving, Bible-centered churches that transform communities across rural America.

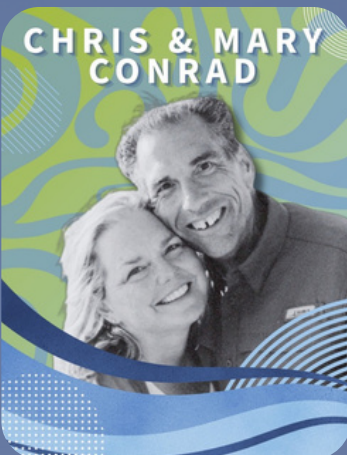
BREAKOUT SESSIONS CONT.



HARNESSING AI'S POWER ETHICALLY WITH DAVID SWISHER

LOCATED IN THE LOWER LEVEL (BASEMENT) ATRIUM ROOM

Artificial intelligence is no longer a distant future concept. It's a very present reality that's disrupting jobs, ministry, and education. It's reshaping how we communicate, create, write, and connect in ministry and education. Whether you're curious about AI's potential, concerned about its implications, or eager to explore practical applications, ministry leaders need both the knowledge and the wisdom to navigate this new landscape with confidence and integrity. This workshop is designed to equip pastors, ministry leaders, and faculty with practical skills, discuss ethical & responsible use, and provide the confidence to integrate AI effectively, while freeing up more time for the spiritual and relational work that matters most.



CURIOSITY & A TRANSFORMED PERSPECTIVE WITH CHRIS & MARY CONRAD

LOCATED IN THE EMERALD ROOM, SECOND FLOOR

Last year @ 41 Hours, Chris introduced the concept of "Getting Curious." In this breakout session, Mary (an Enneagram coach, a Primal Question teacher, a Working Genius facilitator) and Chris will focus on how getting curious in our relationships changes everything. It breaks the dams built in marriages and parenting. It unlocks the doors to greater potential in volunteer and staff relationships. It empowers us to experience all Holy Spirit has for us as parents. Get curious with us!

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BREAKOUT SESSIONS CONT.



CREATING A PRAYER CULTURE IN OUR CHURCH WITH ELISE ZUBER & KYLE BROWN

**LOCATED IN THE AMBASSADOR BALLROOM,
SECOND FLOOR**

Every pastor and leader wants to see their church experience the power and presence of God. But how do we cultivate a church culture where prayer is not simply an opening prayer, a prayer meeting, or something we turn to when we have a problem, but where seeking God becomes part of the very DNA of the church?

Join Kyle Brown and Elise Zuber for a practical and inspiring conversation about building a culture of prayer within your church. This session will explore what it looks like to move prayer from the margins to the center of church life and how pastors and leaders can help their people become a praying people who seek God, listen for His voice, and pray with expectation.

This will not simply be a session about why prayer matters. You will leave with practical ideas, strategies, and resources you can begin implementing in your church to cultivate a deeper and more intentional culture of prayer.

Whether your church already has a strong prayer culture or you are wondering how to get started, this session will encourage, challenge, and equip you to take your next step. Kyle and Elise have a shared desire to see churches become places where prayer is not simply an activity on the calendar, but a way of life.



UNLEASHING MARKETPLACE MULTIPLIERS WITH WAYNE SCHMIDT **LOCATED IN THE PEARL ROOM, SECOND FLOOR**

DETAILED SUNDAY THE 27TH SCHEDULE

TIME (EST)	EVENT ITEM	LOCATION
4:00 PM	Hotel Check In Opens	Main Entrance located on Pearl Street
4:00 PM	Registration area opens	Registration 1 & 2 on the second floor
6:30 PM	Doors Open	Ambassador Ballroom
7:00 PM	Session One Begins	Ambassador Ballroom
7:30 PM	Registration area closes	Registration 1 & 2 on the second floor
8:30 PM	Session One Ends	Ambassador Ballroom

STEVE CUSS

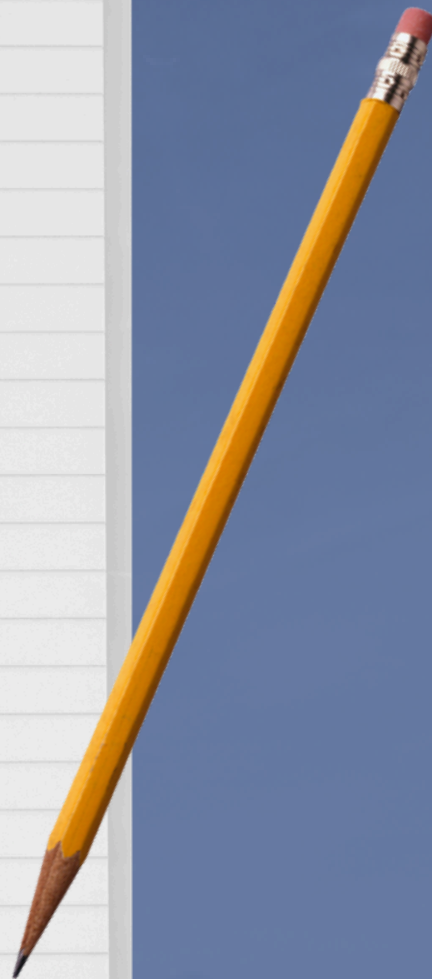
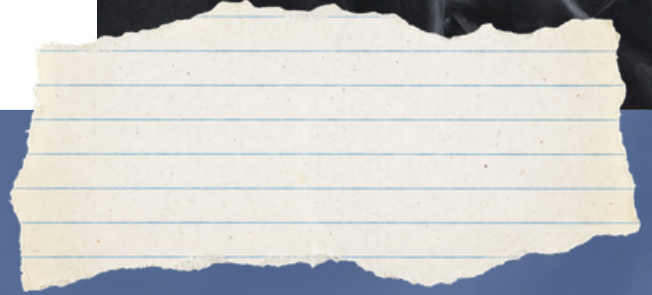
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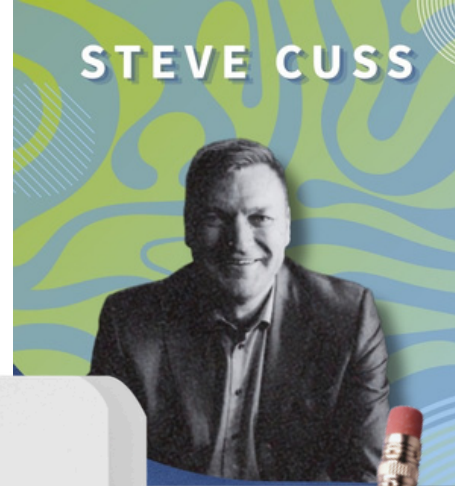
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TIME (EST)	EVENT ITEM	LOCATION
8:00 AM	Coffee Service	Crown Foyer
8:00 AM	Registration area opens	Registration 1 & 2 on the second floor
8:30 AM	Doors Open	Ambassador Ballroom
9:00 AM	Session Two Begins	Ambassador Ballroom
10:00 AM	Registration area closes	Registration 1 & 2 on the second floor
11:00 AM	Session Two Ends	Ambassador Ballroom
11:15 AM	Breakout Sessions Begin	Please look at the session location info below
12:00 PM	Breakout Sessions End	Please look at the session location info below

STEVE CUSS

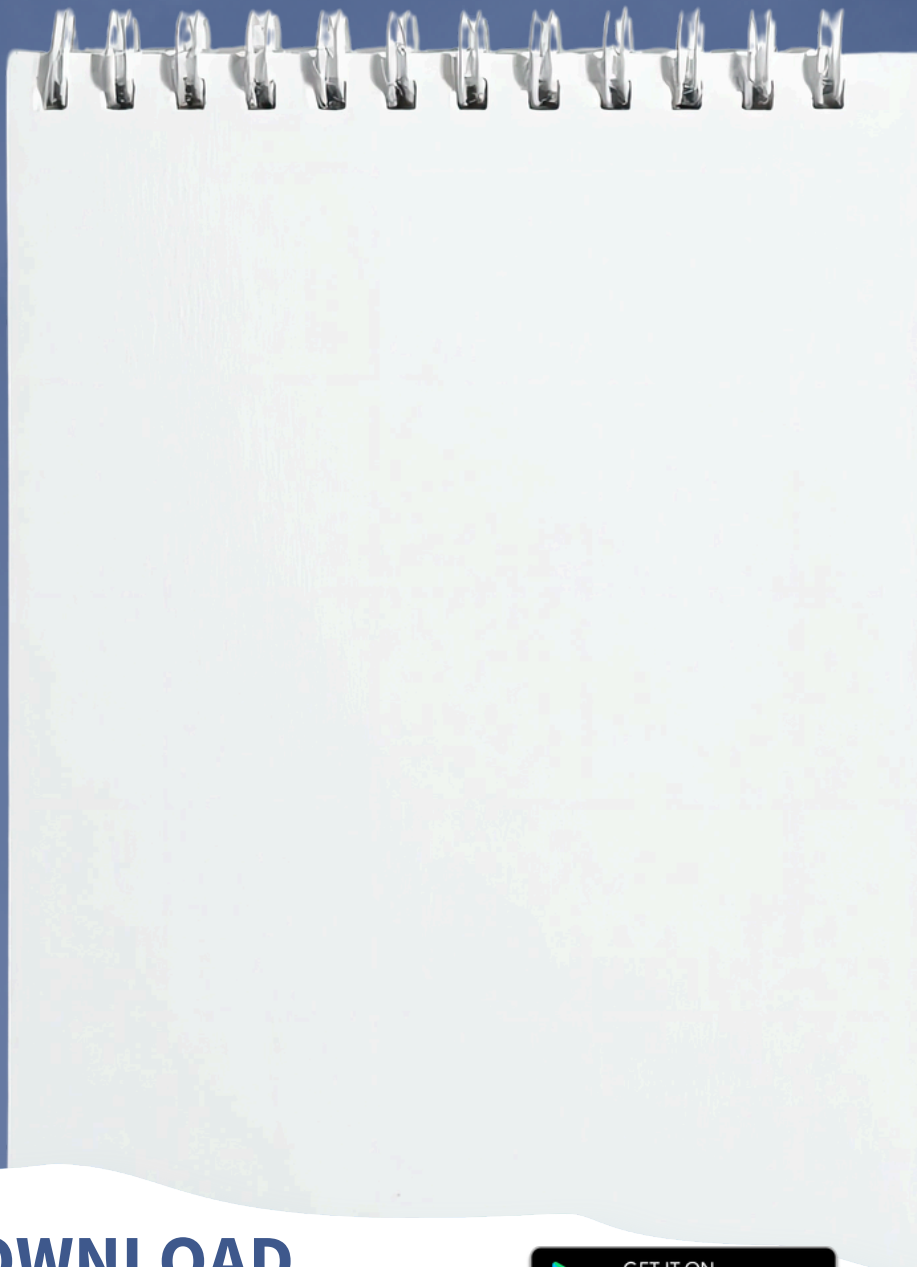
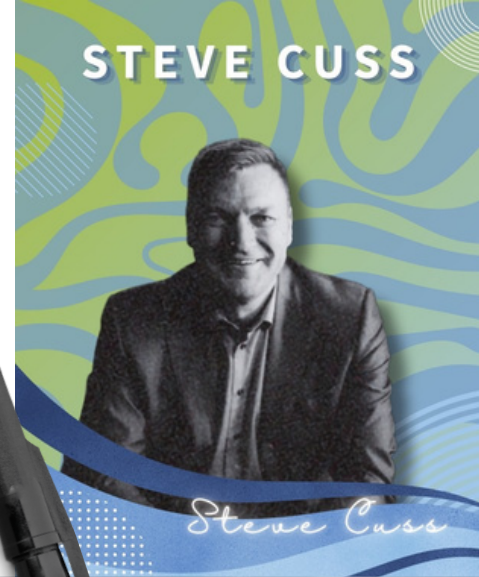
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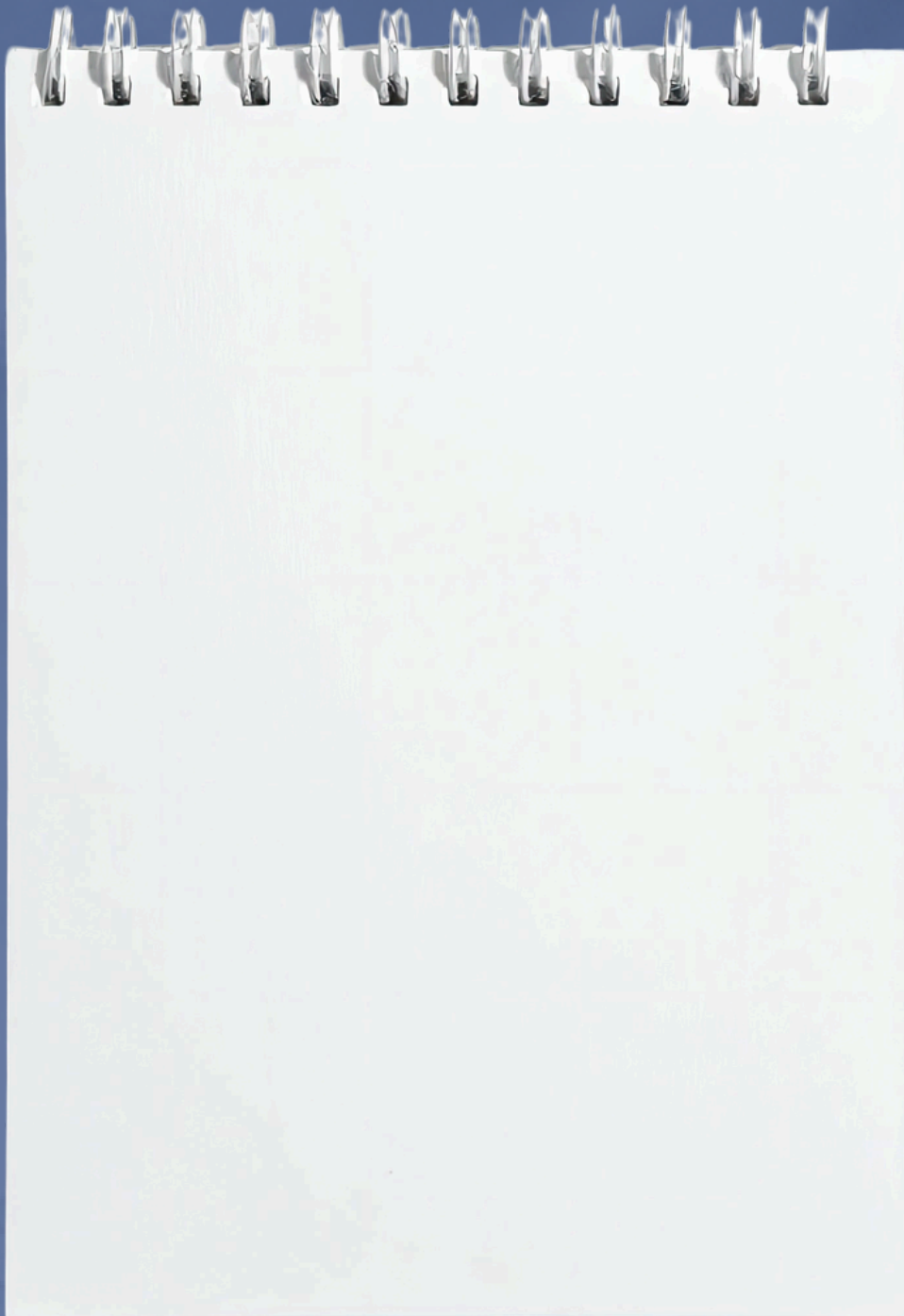
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DETAILED MONDAY THE 28TH SCHEDULE - AFTERNOON

TIME (EST)	EVENT ITEM
12:00 PM	Break starts
6:00 PM	Break Ends

		LOCATION
5 - 6 PM	Chaplain Connection	Pearl Room

Connect with other Chaplains within the region and learn together how we have resources, support, and people in your corner!

5 - 6 PM	Wesleyan Pension Fund Presentation	Emerald Room
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This is an impactful time to discuss something many of us in ministry ignore. Lean into the unknown and learn more about how you can set yourself up wisely with the gifts God has given us. Learn more about this seminar [HERE](#) from Chris Conrad and the Wesleyan Pension Fund.

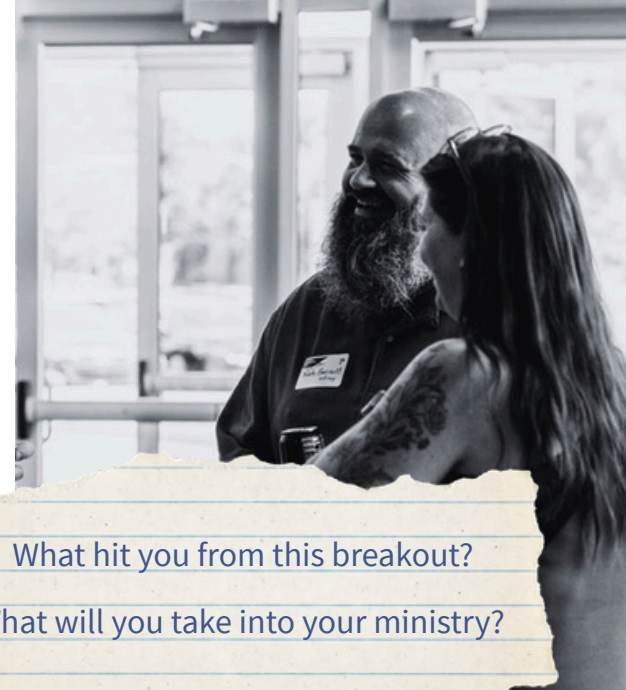
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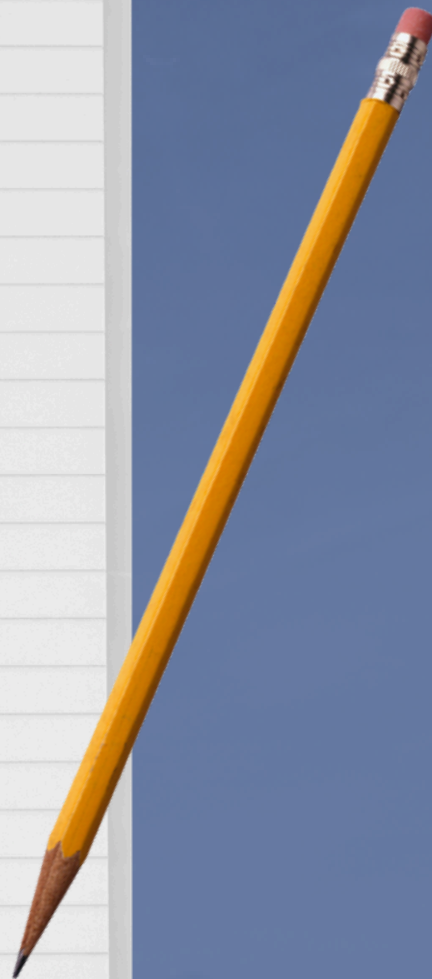


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What hit you from this breakout?

What will you take into your ministry?



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WESLEYAN PENSION FUND SEMINAR NOTES



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DETAILED MONDAY THE 28TH SCHEDULE - EVENING

TIME (EST)	EVENT ITEM	LOCATION
5:30 PM	Doors Open	Ambassador Ballroom
6:00 PM	Session Three begins	Ambassador Ballroom
7:45 PM	Session Three ends	Ambassador Ballroom
8:00 PM	Ice Cream Social begins	Crown Foyer
10:00 PM	Ice Cream Social ends	Crown Foyer

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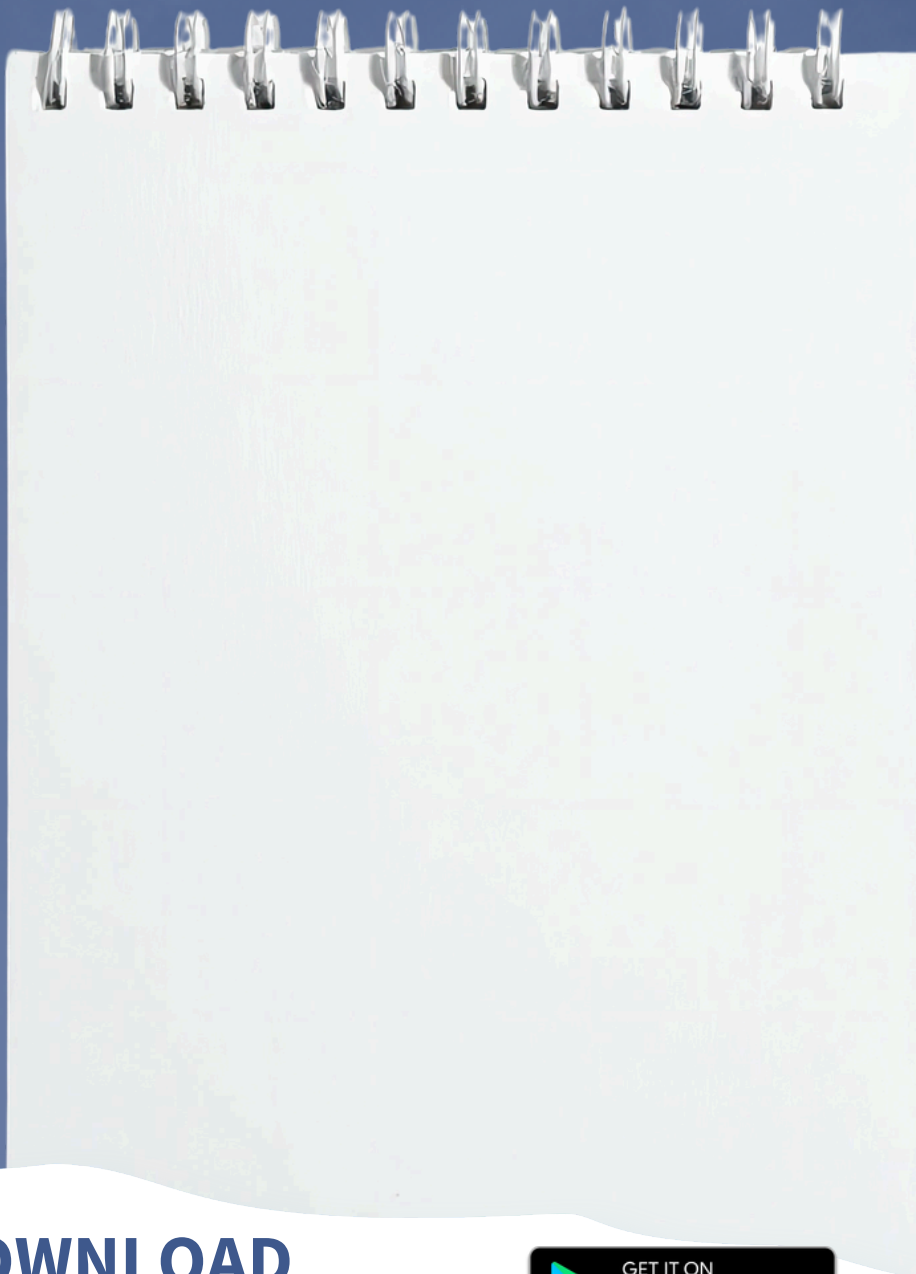
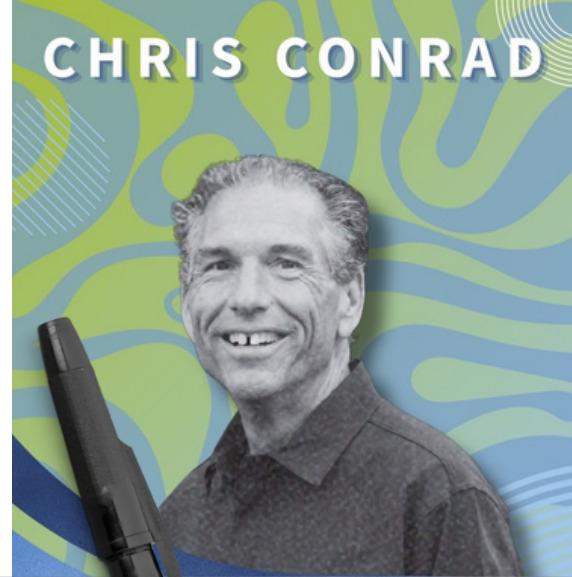
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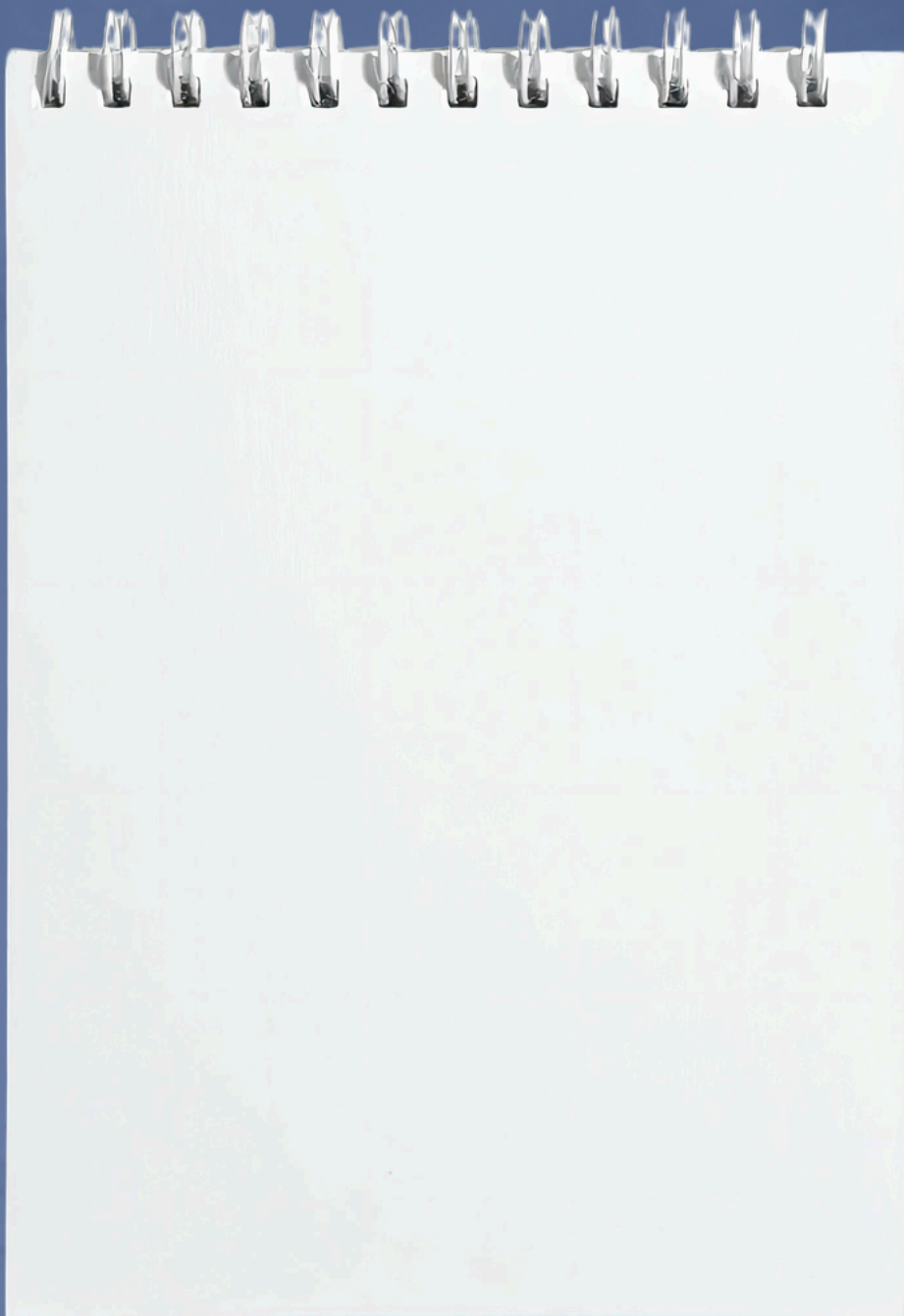
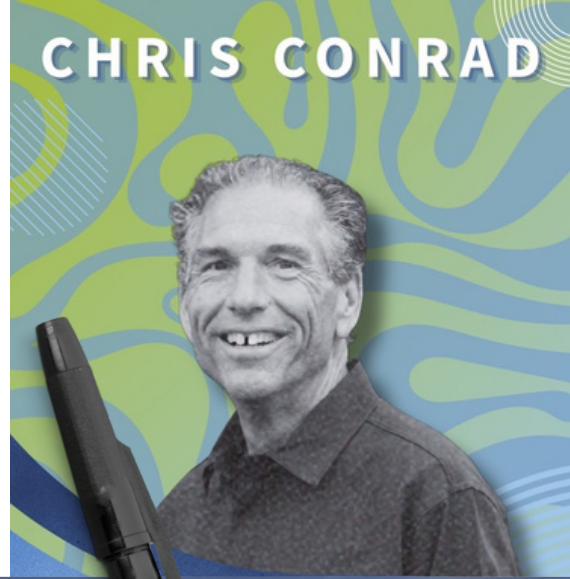
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DETAILED TUESDAY THE 29TH SCHEDULE - MORNING

PLEASE NOTE: The Emerald room will be open to set your luggage in if you choose to check out of your room before our session begins. **This room is NOT under surveillance by the GLR team or Amway security.**

TIME (EST)	EVENT ITEM	LOCATION
8:00 AM	Coffee Service	Crown Foyer
8:30 AM	Doors Open	Ambassador Ballroom
9:00 AM	Session Four begins	Ambassador Ballroom
12:00 PM	Session Four ends	Ambassador Ballroom

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MEGAN FATE MARSHMAN ERICKSON

Pastor | Author | Speaker

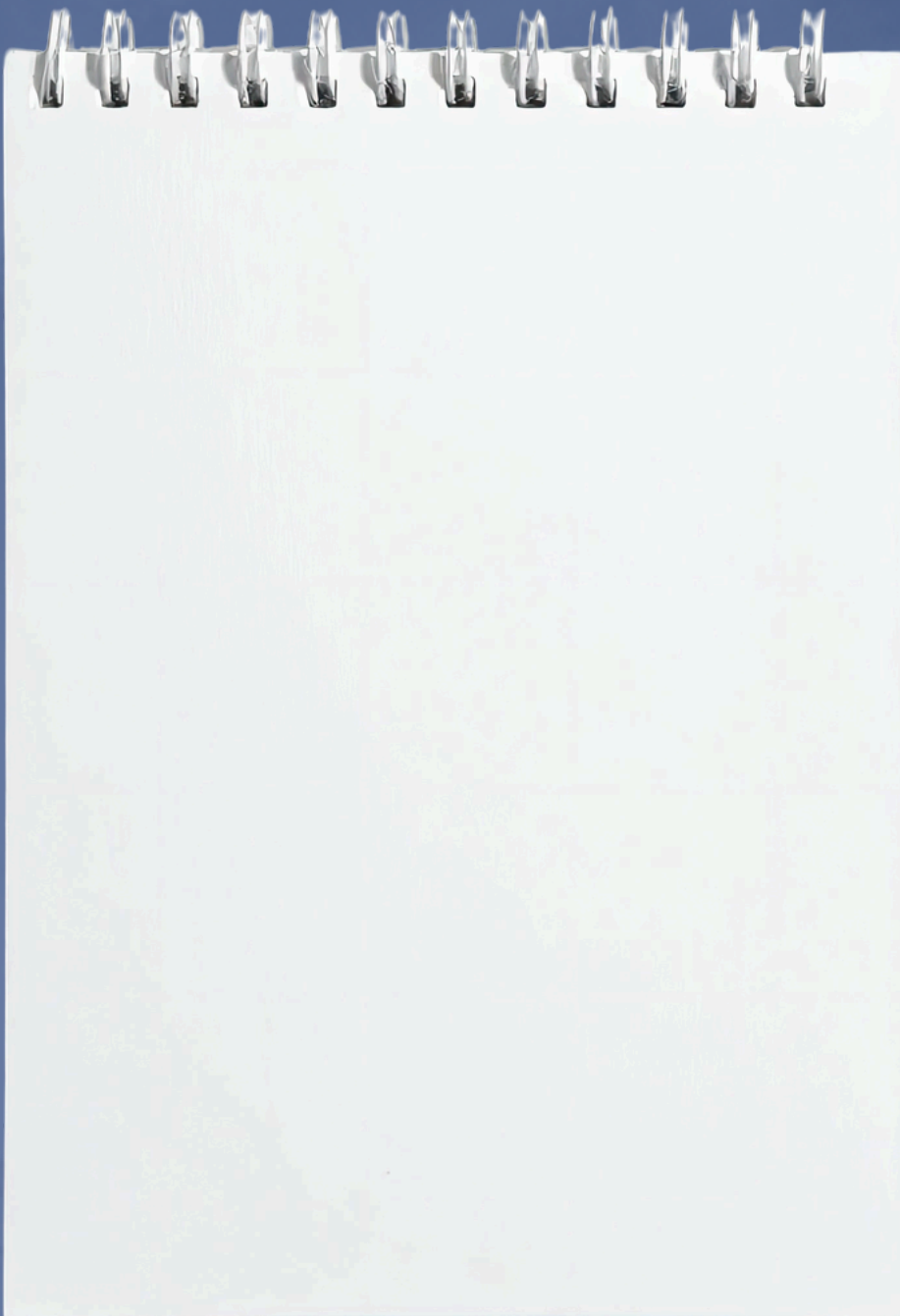


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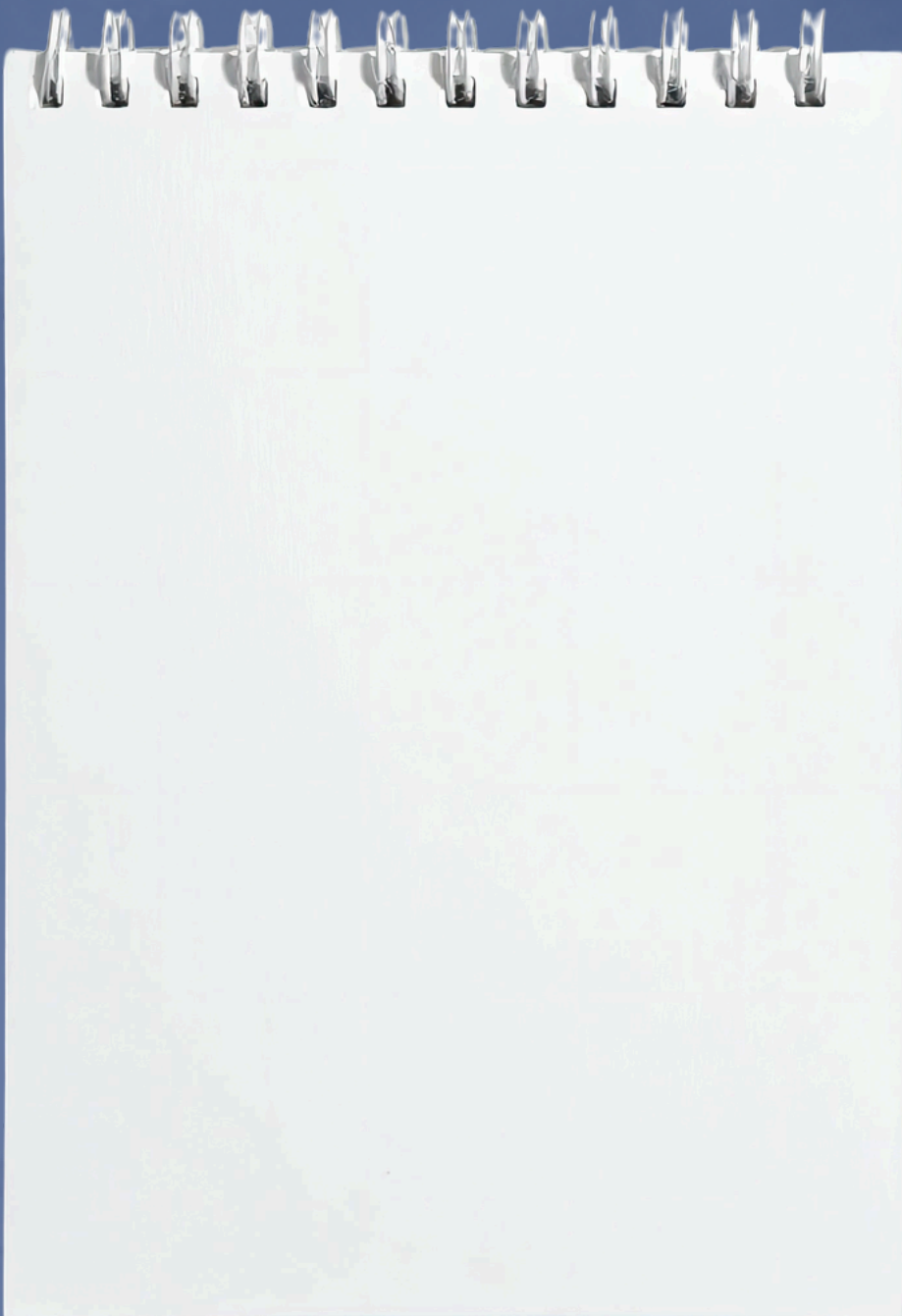
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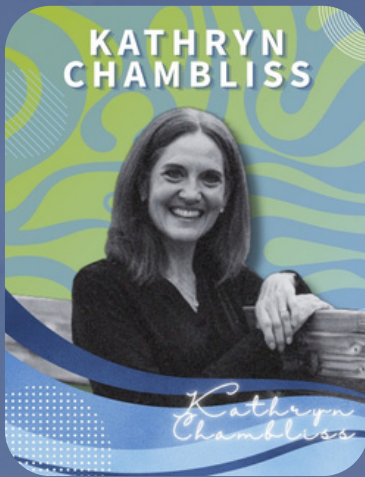


SESSION FOUR NOTES

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MAKE SURE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE ITEMS! RESOURCES FOR YOU!



JOIN A COHORT

Email Kathryn if you are interested in this cohort!

kathryn@togetherchurchonline.com



AT THE WELL PRAYER HOUR

Every second Thursday, we spend time at the well with the Lord.

Join us at our next online meeting:

**Thursday,
October 8th, 2026
@ 12 PM EST/ 11 AM CST**



Safe Reporting

Why Safe Reporting Matters

The church is the Bride of Christ. It is a place of worship, a place where people can come to find hope, healing, and wholeness. It is a sanctuary where people are meant to be safe from harm. Unfortunately, in our fallen world, there are circumstances where the trust and safety that is meant to exist in churches is broken due to harmful behaviors. The GLR is committed to protecting the integrity of the church, as well as upholding the biblical standard of holiness within the church. The GLR is also committed to providing a channel of safe reporting for people who have seen or experienced harmful behaviors in the church.



Resources from Steve



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